

10/525 449

DT1 c'd PCT/PTO 24 FEB 2005

Docket No.: 1169-034

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Isabelle POQUET et al.

U.S. Patent Application No. *not yet assigned*Filed: *herewith*:  
:  
Confirmation No.: *Unassigned as yet*  
:  
:  
:  
:

For: ZINC-REGULATED PROKARYOTIC EXPRESSION CASSETTES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTCommissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application and no certification or fee is required.

Please note this is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the U.S. and copies of the references cited were transmitted by WIPO and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application and readily available to the Examiner. Therefore it is believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

LOWE HAUPTMAN &amp; BERNER, LLP

William E. Beaumont  
Registration No. 30,9961700 Diagonal Road, Suite 310  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
(703) 684-1111 WEB/sj  
Facsimile: (703) 518-5499  
Date: February 24, 2005

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION (PTO-1449)</b>				ATTY. DOCKET NO. 1169-034		U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. <b>6,207,146</b>	
				APPLICANT: <b>Isabelle POQUET et al.</b>			
				FILING DATE <b>Filed Herewith</b>		GROUP	
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER'S INITIALS	PATENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE	
	<b>6,207,146</b>	<b>03/27/01</b>	<b>TAN et al.</b>				
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER'S INITIALS	PATENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						Yes	No
<b>OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>							
	"Lactococcus lactis putative lipoprotein N1p3 precursor, "Database EMBL 'en ligne! 15 April 1998 , POQUET I. et al., Database accession No. U95834						
	"Controlled Production of Stable Heterologous Proteins In Lactococcus Lactis," Miyoshi A. et al., Applied Environmental Microbiology, Vol. 68, No. 6, June 2002, Pages 3141-3146.						
	"An Export-Specific Reporter Designed For Gram-Positive Bacteria: Application to Lactococcus Lactis, POQUET I. et al., Journal of Bacteriology, Vol. 180, No. 7, April 1998, pages 1904-1912.						
	"The Complete Genome Sequence of The Lactic Acid Bacterium Lactococcus Lactis, Genome Research, Vol. 11, No. 5, May 2001, pages 731-753.						
	International Search Report.						
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED			

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.